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From: Pimpare, Justin
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:25 AM
To: Spinale, Mark
Subject: FW: FOIA Request
Attachments: 20201223 Public Records Request.pdf; Attachment O_MWRA ERP.pdf

I have a nice talk with MWRA on Friday on the FOIA issue and we traded emails as follow up. They also received a FOIA from CLF and attached is the actual letter. We do not have anything related to MWRA Deer Island. There was however an update submitted per the MWRA Clinton facility which is attached. It was hard copy only since I looked through my emails and don't have anything from John Riccio. He was an old school hard copy guy like Mr. DePalma. The changes had nothing to do with the actual ERP and just notifications about the PIMS or electronic review done by MWRA staff. Full disclosure, I'm guessing at the time, assuming I got this hard copy, it really wasn't a change at all to the ERP at all so wasn't in the need of a formal approval. It was done as a requirement of the NPDES permit like all POTWs are required to do.

Regardless, this email from MWRA is related to the Clinton Permit of MA0100104 while the request is from the Deer Island Plant of MA0103284 so we do not have any information. As stated in the MWRA email, the ERP was approved in 1992. We do not have that electronically. Short of going into the office and digging up – assuming its there – the ERP and approval letter we could say nothing here. But there is an approval letter somewhere maybe? From 1992 so I think its best I reach back out to MWRA and have them dig through their files to see if they have the letter and ERP? However, they are not in the office either or at least Becky isn't. Call me to discuss after you've digested this.

Jay

From: Weidman, Rebecca <Rebecca.Weidman@mwra.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Pimpare, Justin <Pimpare.Justin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOIA Request

Hi Jay,

Attached is the public records request we received from CLF. Also attached is the only correspondence that I have a record of regarding approval of our ERP. I am not sure we received a response (this was before my time).

Keep me posted if you receive anything else. We are still working on providing documents, CLF has expanded their request (I'm not sure they really know what they are looking for).

Have a great weekend!
Becky

From: Pimpare, Justin <Pimpare.Justin@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Weidman, Rebecca <Rebecca.Weidman@mwra.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOIA Request

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Hi Becky,

FYI, the following request was received by our office from CLF.

Requested records relate to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA") in relation to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. MA0103284 authorizing certain discharges from MWRA Publicly Owned Treatment Works ("POTW") Deer Island Treatment Plant, Deer Island, Boston, MA 02152. CLF requests the following:

- MWRA's "enforcement response plan" associated with this permit.
- Approval by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the MWRA's "enforcement response plan" associated with this permit.
- Any and all correspondence from January 2015 to the present between EPA staff and MWRA staff regarding pollution prevention and enforcement actions undertaken (or not) by MWRA under Permit No. MA0103284.
- Any and all correspondence from January 2015 to the present within, between, and/or among EPA staff regarding pollution prevention and enforcement actions undertaken (or not) by MWRA under Permit No. MA0103284

Keeping you posted.

Jay

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